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PatentCLEAN VERSION OF EACH REPLACEMENT SECTION/CLAIMIn the Specification

Page 9 please replace the paragraph which begins at line 9 and extends to line 13 as follows.

A1 Referring to FIGURE 1, front portion 20, which will be aligned around a portion of the front torso of a wearer's body in use, as suggested in FIGURES 3 and 4, includes front end 26, second end 27, first side edge 23, second side edge 25, and fastener-receptive area 56. A first lateral section 28 and a second lateral section 29 are connected to front portion 20 via various means described herein.

Page 9 please replace the paragraph which begins at line 14 and extends to line 18 as follows.

A2 Sub 32 First lateral section 28 includes an inner portion 36A having an inner edge 39A, and an outer portion 37A having an outer edge 38A. Inner portion 36A of first lateral section 28 comprises a fastener 31A affixed at or near inner edge 39A wherein at least a portion of fastener 31A overlaps inner edge 39A to provide a cooperative engagement relationship with fastener-receptive area 56.

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A3 Sub 33 Similarly, second lateral section 29 includes an inner portion 36B having an inner edge 39B, and an outer portion 37B having an outer edge 38B. Inner portion 36B of second lateral section 29 also comprises a fastener 31B affixed at or near inner edge 39B wherein at least a portion of fastener 31B overlaps inner edge 39B to provide a cooperative engagement relationship with fastener-receptive area 56.

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As to each lateral section, the respective fasteners are preferably, but not necessarily, aligned, with respect to each other, generally parallel to the X-axis. In some embodiments, fasteners 31A and 31B are incorporated as adjunct elements of the lateral sections, and can be arranged in an abutting relationship to one another (FIGURE 4) and the edges of the first and second lateral sections, adjacent front portion end 26 are aligned with each other adjacent outer front portion end 26.

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Fracturing the front portion is defined as tearing a substantial distance into the front portion, e.g. from the outer cover side, such as to expose the body-side liner and/or the absorbent core, underlying the outer cover. Such fracturing can cause so much damage to the personal care article that the article may then be no longer suitable for use, and may be disposed of without being employed in its intended use on a wearer's body.

Page 12 please replace the paragraph which begins at line 24 and extends to line 26 as follows.

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Such line of weakness can comprise, for example, a line of breakable perforations or cuts.

Page 13 please replace the paragraph which begins at line 20 and extends to line 31 as follows.

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Elasticity can be imparted to first and second lateral sections 28 and 29 by employing a resiliently extensible material. Such resiliently extensible material can comprise multiple elastics 52, as shown in FIGURES 1 and 3. Such elastic 52 can vary in size, length, and shape. Elongated elastic ribbons, elastic strips, elastic bands, elastic tape having

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round, flat or other cross-sectional configuration can also be used. Such ribbons, strips, bands, strands, or elastic tape can correspond with relatively small (e.g. less than 10 percent) fractions of the areas of the lateral sections, up to and including 100 percent of the fractions of the areas of the lateral sections. The greater the fraction of the area covered by the elastic, the greater the opportunity for employing a relatively smaller number of elastic elements. To the extent a contiguous area is to be covered, the elastic can comprise a single element, covering up to 100 percent of the area of the respective lateral sections.

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As an alternative to a web or webs containing elastic, one or both of the first and second lateral sections can comprise stretch-bonded laminate and/or neck-bonded laminate, both being resiliently stretchable materials void of elastics. Stretch-bonded laminate and neck-bonded laminate are manufactured by Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Neenah, Wisconsin.

Page 15 please replace the paragraph which begins at line 12 and extends to line 17 as follows.

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The refastenable structure enables the user to release, adjust, and subsequently re-fasten the personal care article onto the body of the wearer. For example, if personal care article 10 is too tight, first and/or second lateral sections 28 and 29 can be released from front portion 20, repositioned for a looser fit, and then refastened at front portion 20 to maintain the looser fit of the personal care article about the body of the wearer.

Page 15 please replace the paragraph which begins at line 18 and extends to line 22 as follows.